

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
 - ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - ☐ the description:
 - pages 1, 3-7 as originally filed/furnished
 - pages* 2-2/1 received by this Authority on 16.03.2005
 - pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - ☒ the claims:
 - nos. 2, 4 as originally filed/furnished
 - nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 - nos.* 1, 3 received by this Authority on 16.03.2005
 - nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - ☒ the drawings:
 - sheets Fig. 1-4 as originally filed/furnished
 - sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 - ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, nos. _____
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages _____
 - ☐ the claims, nos. _____
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-4</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
Documents			
Document 1: JP 2002-25747 A (Nippon Pachinko Buhin Kabushiki Kaisha), 25 January 2002, [claim 2] and [claim 3]; paragraph 5, lines 30 to 40; paragraph 9, line 35 to paragraph 10, line 14; paragraph 11, lines 33 to 41; [fig. 1], [fig. 2] and [fig. 20] (Family: none)			
Document 2: JP 2000-5628 A (Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), 11 January 2000, paragraph 4, lines 16 to 30; paragraph 5, lines 11 to 33; [fig. 1] (Family: none)			
Explanation			
<p>The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 4 are not disclosed in any of the documents cited in the international search report, and are therefore novel and involve an inventive step.</p>			
<p>In particular, the feature of being provided with an ozone generating means capable of maintaining an average value of an ozone concentration in the atmosphere in a room at 0.02 to 0.05 ppm, is not disclosed in document 1, which is acknowledged to be the most closely related prior art document. Meanwhile, the inventions set forth</p>			

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in claims 1 to 4 offer the effect of bactericidal and bacteriostatic activity through combination with a predetermined concentration of ozone falling within the range of 0.02 to 0.05ppm, even when dispersed together with a small quantity of negative ions in an indoor space.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
JP 2004-121811 A [EA]	22.04.2004	03.02.2003	08.08.2002

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)
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